

Assembly Concurrent Resolution

No. 66

Introduced by Assembly Member Dutra

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Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 66—Relative to military awards and decorations.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

ACR 66, as introduced, Dutra. Military awards and decorations.

This measure would (1) memorialize the Controller to take every action necessary to ensure that satisfactory care is taken to ensure that all military awards and decorations be held to a standard of “priceless,” and thus, rendering all bids from private individuals “insufficient” for purposes of selling escheated property to the highest bidder at public auction under the Unclaimed Property Law, and (2) urge that any price bid for military awards and decorations received from the California National Guard Military Museum, including

military memorabilia, when appropriate, be deemed by the Controller to be a sufficient bid, as specified.

Fiscal committee: yes.

1 WHEREAS, Members of the United States Armed
2 Forces have consistently answered their nation's call to
3 duty with honor and bravery; and

4 WHEREAS, Californians serve proudly and with
5 distinction in every branch of the United States Armed
6 Forces; and

7 WHEREAS, Californians have been recognized for
8 their distinguished service by being honored through the
9 awarding of Purple Hearts, Silver Stars, and
10 Congressional Medals of Honor, among other
11 commendations and awards; and

12 WHEREAS, Military awards and decorations are
13 irreplaceable and are unique symbols of the patriotism
14 and distinguished heroism shown by our men and women
15 while serving in uniform; and

16 WHEREAS, Military awards and decorations are a
17 crucial part of any family's heritage and history; and

18 WHEREAS, Military awards and decorations are also
19 an important part of the heritage and culture of the State
20 of California; and

21 WHEREAS, The Unclaimed Property Law, which is set
22 forth in the Code of Civil Procedure, does not make
23 specific mention of military awards and decorations; and

24 WHEREAS, The Legislature, pursuant to Section 1563
25 of the Code of Civil Procedure, has directed the
26 Controller to sell all escheated property to the highest
27 bidder at public sale unless the Controller "considers the
28 price bid insufficient"; now, therefore be it

29 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the*
30 *Senate thereof concurring, That the Legislature of the*
31 *State of California respectfully memorializes the*
32 *Controller to take every action necessary to ensure that*
33 *satisfactory care is taken, when applying Section 1563 of*
34 *the Code of Civil Procedure, to ensure that all military*
35 *awards and decorations, including military memorabilia,*
36 *when appropriate, be held to a standard of "priceless,"*

1 and, thus, rendering all bids from private individuals
2 “insufficient” for purposes of Section 1563 of the Code of
3 Civil Procedure; and be it further

4 *Resolved*, That upon the determination of any price for
5 military awards and decorations to be “insufficient” for
6 purposes of selling those items to private individuals
7 pursuant to Section 1563 of the Code of Civil Procedure,
8 the Legislature encourages the Controller to entertain an
9 offer from the California National Guard Military
10 Museum for those items; and be it further

11 *Resolved*, That the Legislature urges that any price bid
12 for military awards and decorations received from the
13 California National Guard Military Museum, including
14 military memorabilia when appropriate, be deemed by
15 the Controller to be a sufficient bid, provided that the
16 California National Guard Military Museum promises to
17 retain the awards and decorations in accordance with the
18 Unclaimed Property Law; and be it further

19 *Resolved*, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly
20 transmits copies of this resolution to the author for
21 appropriate distribution.

